GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Criteria for Rural Development
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any clear cut definition or criteria for rural development and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to fix the criteria/definition in this regard within a definite time-frame and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages and families covered under various schemes during June, 2014 to December, 2016, State/UTwise; and

(d) the future projects/schemes for the same during the next two years, State/UTwise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): Rural development is designed to improve the economic and social welfare of the rural people. Objectives of rural development include improved productivity, increased employment and higher income for targeted groups, along with provision of food, shelter, education and health. Keeping this in view, the Ministry of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana − National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay − Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana − Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas through employment generation, strengthening of livelihood opportunities, promoting self-employment, skilling of rural youth, provision of social assistance and other basic amenities. Schemes related to education, health etc. are implemented by the concerned Ministries. The progress made under rural development programmes are monitored by the concerned Ministry and are measured through various output and outcome indicators related to programmes.

(c) & (d): The basic developmental units under different rural development programmes varies based on targets and objectives of the programme. State/UT-wise and programme-wise beneficiaries/ households/ Self Help Groups/ habitations benefited during 2014-15 to 2016-17 under MGNREGA, PMAY-G, PMGSY, DAY-NRLM, DDU-GKY and NSAP are given at Annexure.

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